PUBLIC NOTICE SC Department of Health and Environmental Control Bureau of Water 2600 Bull Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Public Notice No. 15-051-M

NOTICE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

Date: March 20, 2015

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) proposes to modify the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit #SC0001996, issued to MOHAWK IND/OAK RIVER PLANT, (MARLBORO COUNTY/FLORENCE EQC OFFICE) PO BOX 887, BENNETTSVILLE, SC 29512-0887. The facility is located at 2118 Marlboro Road, Bennettsville, South Carolina, Marlboro County. The facility has 3 discharge points: 001-process ww, boiler blowdown, Suessan washdown, rinse water from blending, sanitary ww, cooling tower blowdown, and extrusion non-process ww, discharging to: Great Pee DeeRiver; 002-once thru noncontact cooling water and storm water, discharging to: ditch to the Great Pee Dee River; 003-once thru and recirculated noncontact cooling water, overflow from fire spray pond, sand filter backwash, well water treatment overflow, and storm water, discharging to: ditch to the Great Pee Dee River; The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the facility is 2281. The receiving streams are classified Class FW: freshwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses. A fact sheet is available. Groundwater will be monitored at 6 monitoring wells.

The proposed modifications are as follows:

1. This permit modification removes toxaphene from the NPDES permit. Toxaphene was removed from Part III.A.1 on page 19. On page 26, toxaphene was removed from Part V.A.3 and Part V.A.4 was deleted. Pages 27 and 28 were reprinted due to the removal of Part V.A.4.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the permit modifications are invited to submit same in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice to the attention of: Ms. Melinda Vickers; SC DHEC; Water Facilities Permitting Division; 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; Telephone: 803-898-4186. The permit number should be placed at the top of the first page of comments. When there is a significant degree of public interest in a permit or group of permits, the Department may hold a public hearing. SC DHEC is not involved in zoning, land use, or property value issues. Please contact your local County or Municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues.

All comments received within the 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permit. All persons submitting written comments will be notified of the final determinations. Requests for adjudicatory hearings may be filed after the above described determinations have been made. Additional information regarding adjudicatory hearings is available from the Legal Office at the above Department address or by calling 803-898-3350.

Additional information on proposed permit determinations and on hearing procedures is available by writing or calling the Department at the above address or telephone number. Copies of a specific application or draft permit of interest to an individual, organization, or company must be requested in writing. A fee schedule has been established for processing these requests: Reproduction of documents - \$0.25 per page. Requests must be mailed to the Freedom of Information Office at 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, phone number: 803-898-3882; or requests may be faxed to the Freedom of Information Office at 803-898-3816. Arrangements can be made to review all the permit information at the Freedom of Information Office on the third floor of the Sims Building across from Peeples Auditorium.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.